BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 92-357-E - ORDER NO. 92-520√

JULY 9, 1992

IN RE: Commission Staff Request for a Proceeding to Address Carolina Power and Light Company's Operation of the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant.

ORDER GRANTING COMMISSION STAFF'S

PETITION FOR
PROCEEDING AND
SETTING HEARING

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This matter is before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Commission Staff's (Staff's) Petition for a Proceeding to Address Carolina Power and Light Company's (CP&L's) Operation of the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant (Brunswick). The Staff asserts it has been monitoring the operations of CP&L's Brunswick plant and has found that the two units were taken out of service in April 1992 and will continue to be out of service for an indefinite period of time. Staff asserts it is aware that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued several critical letters and notices expressing its serious concerns regarding CP&L's operation and maintenance of the Brunswick units and has required CP&L to inform the NRC of its remedial plans for the plant. Based on this information, Staff requests that the Commission require CP&L to appear before it to address the issues regarding the Brunswick plant as set forth in its Petition.

After consideration of the Commission Staff's Petition, the Commission hereby directs CP&L to appear before the Commission to address, among other issues, CP&L's performance, operation, and maintenance of the Brunswick plant since the Spring of 1990 and why the Commission should not take remedial action because of this performance. The hearing to address the issues set forth in this Order is hereby scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 1992, in the Hearing Room at the Offices of the Commission, 111 Doctors Circle, Columbia, South Carolina.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ATTEST:

Charle W. Sellete Executive Director

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